

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The town of Lane was platted along the planned CM & St. Paul Railroad between Woonsocket and Wessington Springs in Jerauld County, and was named after T.W. Lane, who with L.N. Loomis had purchased the property and lots were sold at public auction in July 1903; and,

Whereas, The town of Lane established a post office and Frank Franzwa was commissioned the postmaster on July 11, 1903, and the town historically celebrates its birthday on July 30; and,

Whereas, The first railroad depot was constructed and Joe Kutil became the first depot agent on August 16, 1904, and the town saw days of as many as six trains passing through Lane a day; and,

Whereas, At one time, Lane had two large grain elevators and two lumber yards, and the first carload of cattle was shipped out on October 1, 1903; and,

Whereas, The town of Lane was incorporated on February 27, 1907, and organized a town board to conduct necessary business and plan for future improvements; and,

Whereas, The town of Lane grew and flourished to a population of 350 residents until The Great Depression when drought, fires and a poor economy forced people to move from the area leaving a little over 50 people living in Lane today; and,

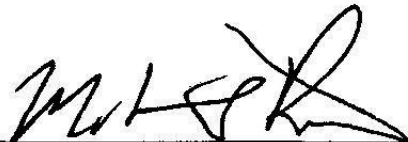
Whereas, The Lane Centennial Celebration will take place on August 15-17, 2003, to include a wagon train arrival, buffalo barbeque, parade, all-school reunion, mud races and much more:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 16, 2003, as

LANE CENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

